ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE PORT OF COWES FOR 1966

SECTION 1 - Staff
TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of appointment	Date of appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held.
P.G. Woods	Senior Public Health Inspector	1.10.63	M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.	Senior Public Health Inspector for Cowes U.D.C.
D.J. Sullivan	Additional Public Health Inspector	1.10.63	M.A.P.H.I.	Additional Public Health Inspector for Cowes U.D.C.

Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health:

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SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year
TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected By the M.O.H.	Number inspected By the P.H. Insp.	Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
Foreign ports	12	2,166	Nil	12	Nil
Coastwise	202	136,688	Nil	202	Nil
	214	138,854	Nil	214	Nil

The Southampton and Isle of Wight Steam Packet Company run a regular frequent service of Steamers from Southampton to the Port not included in the above figures. This service varies from 7 sailings daily each way in the winter to 14 or more in the summer. There is also now a Hovercraft service from Cowes to Southampton, doing 10 or more crossings each way daily.

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year
TABLE C

Passenger Traffic.

No. of passengers inwards: Nine foreign seamen were landed and transferred to local hospitals.

No. of passengers outwards: Nil

Vehicular traffic carried by the Southampton & I.O.W. Steam Packet Co.:		
	Private cars	85,525
	Commercial vehicles	26,312
	TOTAL:	111,837

Passenger Traffic:

Southampton & I.O.W. Steam Packet Co.		947,641
Hovercraft		48,568
	TOTAL	996,209

Cargo Traffic.

Principal IMPORTS: Coal, Petrol & Domestic Fuel Oil, Stone, Timber, Shingle, Liquid Butane.

Principal EXPORTS: Agricultural produce, Light Manufactured Goods, Spent Oxide.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive:

Tyne, Scottish & S.Wales Ports:	Coal and Manufactured fuels.
Southampton and London:	Petrol and butane.
Newlyn and Falmouth:	Stone
Scandinavian Ports:	Timber

There were also many hundred private yachts which visited the Port during the summer season.

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic

There is considerable barge traffic between Cowes and Newport in the Isle of Wight and Southampton and Portsmouth on the Mainland.

	Total No.	Net Tonnage
Arriving Cowes	1,505	120,723
Arriving Newport	1,540	93,768
	3,045	214,491

SECTION V - Water Supply

NO CHANGE

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations 1952

NO CHANGE

SECTION VII - Smallpox

(1) Smallpox cases would be sent to Ashey, Isolation Hospital, after consultation with the District Medical Officer together with the appropriate physician.
(2) Ambulance transport would be by arrangement with the County Medical Officer of Health.
(3) The smallpox consultant available is Dr. J. Mills, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight.
(4) Laboratory diagnosis for smallpox would be by the Public Health Laboratory Service, Colindale.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

NO CHANGE

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

TABLE D

Category	Disease	No. of cases during the year Passengers	Crew	No. ships concerned
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.		Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.		Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - Observation on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases have arisen of malaria during the year.

SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague

No cases have arisen of suspected plague during the year.

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

(1) All ships arriving at the port are boarded by the Public Health Inspector who inspects the deratisation certificate.

(2) Rodents would be sent to the County Laboratory at the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, Ryde. No cases have been sent during the year.

(3) All ships for deratting are referred to Southampton Port Health Authority.

(4) By arrangement with the Port Health Authority, Southampton, all ships for rat proofing are referred to that port.

TABLE E
Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

No rodents were destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

No nuisances have been complained of during the year.

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934 and 1948

NO CHANGE

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

NO CHANGE

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	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966
PASSENGERS						
R.F.S.	650,500	708,622	759,047	839,458	871,735	947,641
HOVERCRAFT						48,568
TOTAL	650,500	708,622	759,047	839,458	871,735	996,209
CARS	44,027	50,896	60,287	68,147	74,638	85,525
COM. VEH.	13,738	14,973	17,858	21,902	22,269	26,312
TOTAL	57,765	65,861	78,145	90,049	96,907	111,837
COMES BARGE TRAFFIC						
NO.	2,013	1,960	2,116	2,116	1,479	1,505
TONNAGE	157,410	148,320	175,140	175,140	118,028	120,723
NEWPORT BARGE TRAFFIC						
NO.	1,955	1,956	1,859	1,760	1,615	1,540
TONNAGE	114,373	114,850	115,549	110,665	91,845	93,768
SHIPPING						
FOREIGN						
NO.	24	26	13	14	14	12
TONNAGE	4,576	5,189	3,027	2,836	3,080	2,166
COAST						
NO.	173	138	169	186	224	202
TONNAGE	70,788	67,400	72,608	81,362	98,766	136,688
TOTAL	197	164	182	200	238	214
	75,364	72,589	75,635	84,198	101,846	138,854